

FY 2018 MISSISSIPPI STATE HEALTH PLAN

Mississippi State Department of Health



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GOVERNOR

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Dear Dr. Dobbs:

In accordance with the Mississippi Code Ann., Section 41-7-185(g), I hereby approve the FY 2018 Mississippi State Health Plan, Second Edition. The FY 2018 Mississippi State Health Plan, Second Edition, shall replace the current Plan, effective December 8, 2018.

I appreciate your, the members' of the State Board of Health, and all the employees at the Department's commitment and desire to improve health care for all Mississippians. The work you do to ensure that every Mississippian has adequate health care is crucial to the quality of life that I am committed to preserving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

Phil Bryant
Governor

**Governor
State of Mississippi**

The Honorable Phil Bryant

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